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EATIN' CHICKENS

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FISHER!





LAST ISSUE, IN EXCHANGE FOR HER FRIENDS' LIVES, PHENIX AGREED TO GO WITH THE POWERFUL AND MYSTERIOUS MALE PHOENIX NAMED XENIF BACK TO HIS "HOME". IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO SAVE HER, THE REST OF THE GROUP FOLLOWED THEM THROUGH A PORTAL, WITH NO IDEA WHERE IT WOULD LEAD.

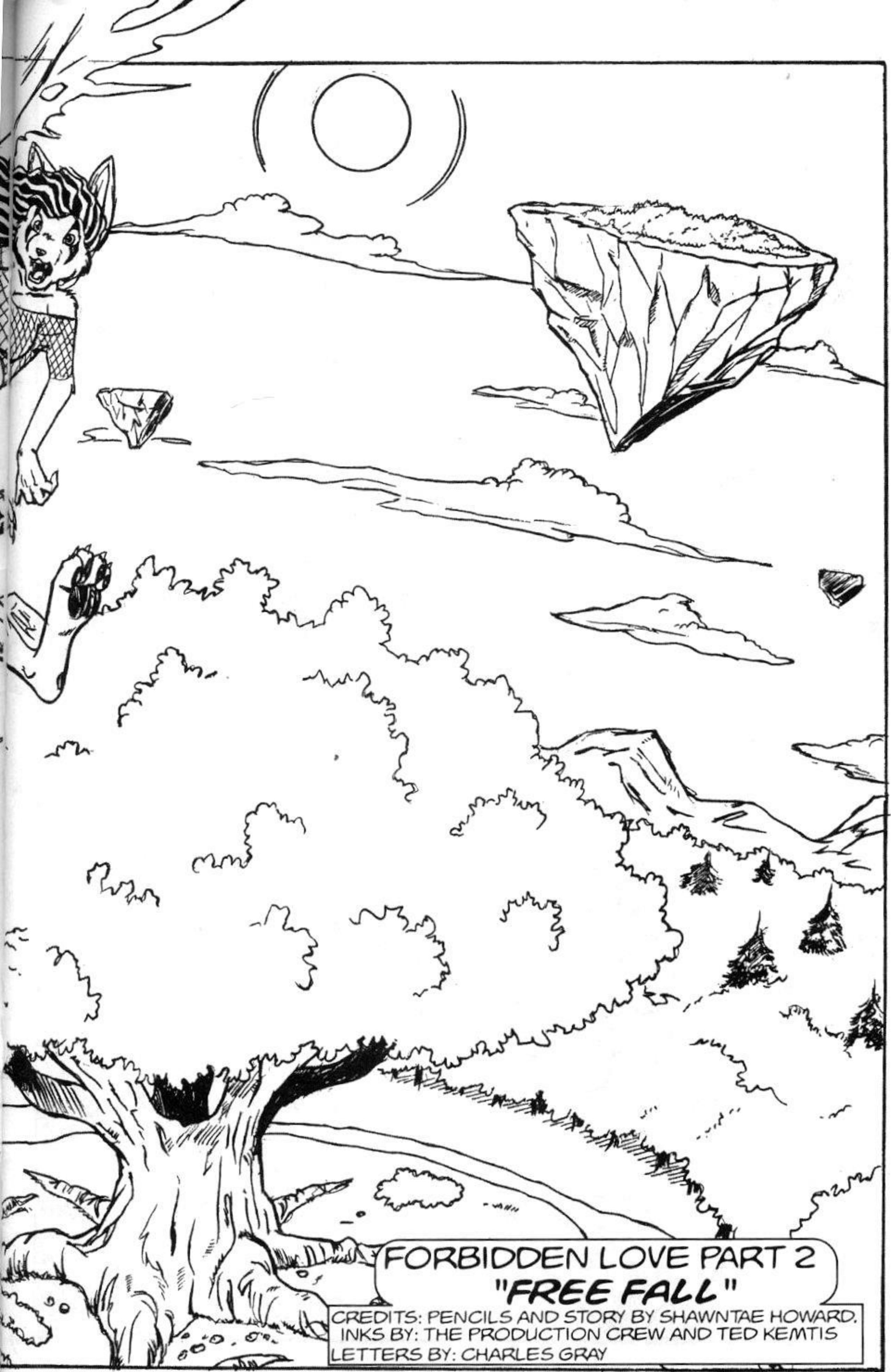
IN THIS BLIND LEAP OF FAITH THEY HAVE SHOWN THEIR COURAGE AND LOYALTY TO ONE OF THEIR OWN.

BUT NEXT TIME,
THEY'LL HAVE
WISHED THEY
LOOKED BEFORE
THEY LEAPT.

OH FUZZ!

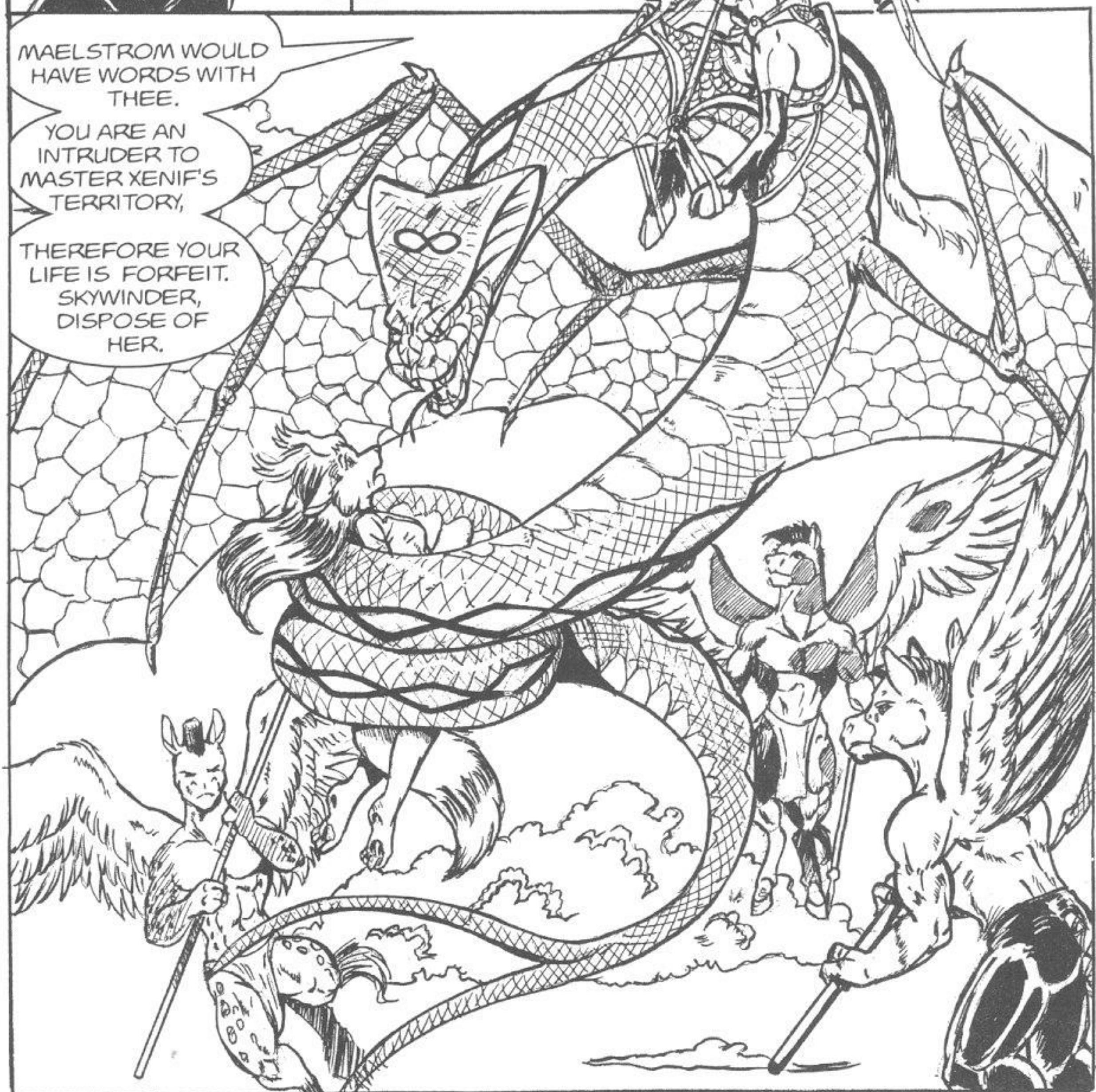
THAT BUZZARD TELEPORTED
US MILES IN THE AIR AND I'M
THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN FLY!





FORBIDDEN LOVE PART 2 **"FREE FALL"**

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IYEEEEEE!
SOMEBODY DO
SOMETHING!!

COME ON CATRINA!
GRAB MY PAW!

I KNEW THAT
STUPID BIRD
WOULD GET US
KILLED!

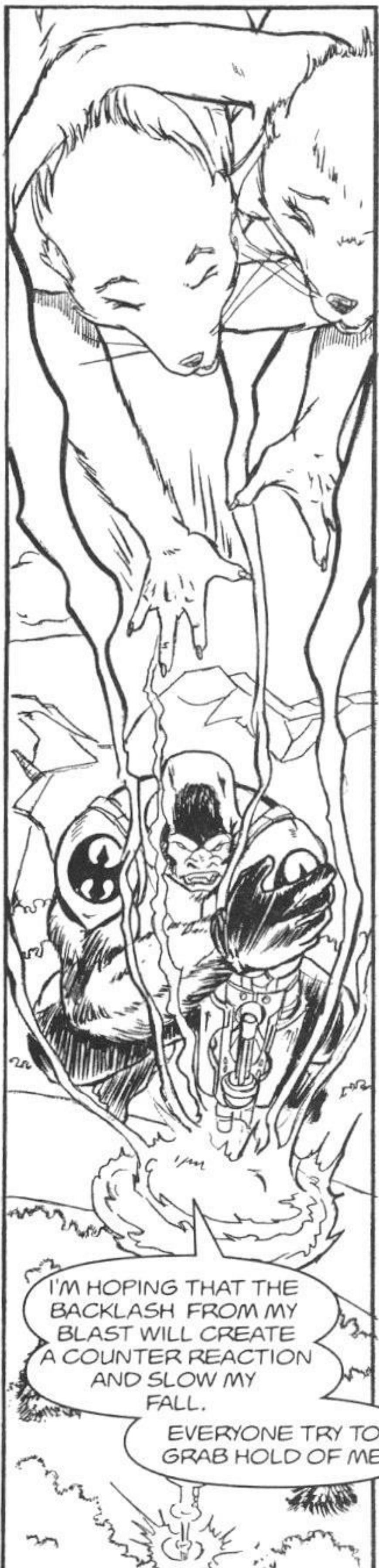
PANDORA, REACH
FOR MY TAIL!

I'M TRYING
CEECEE!

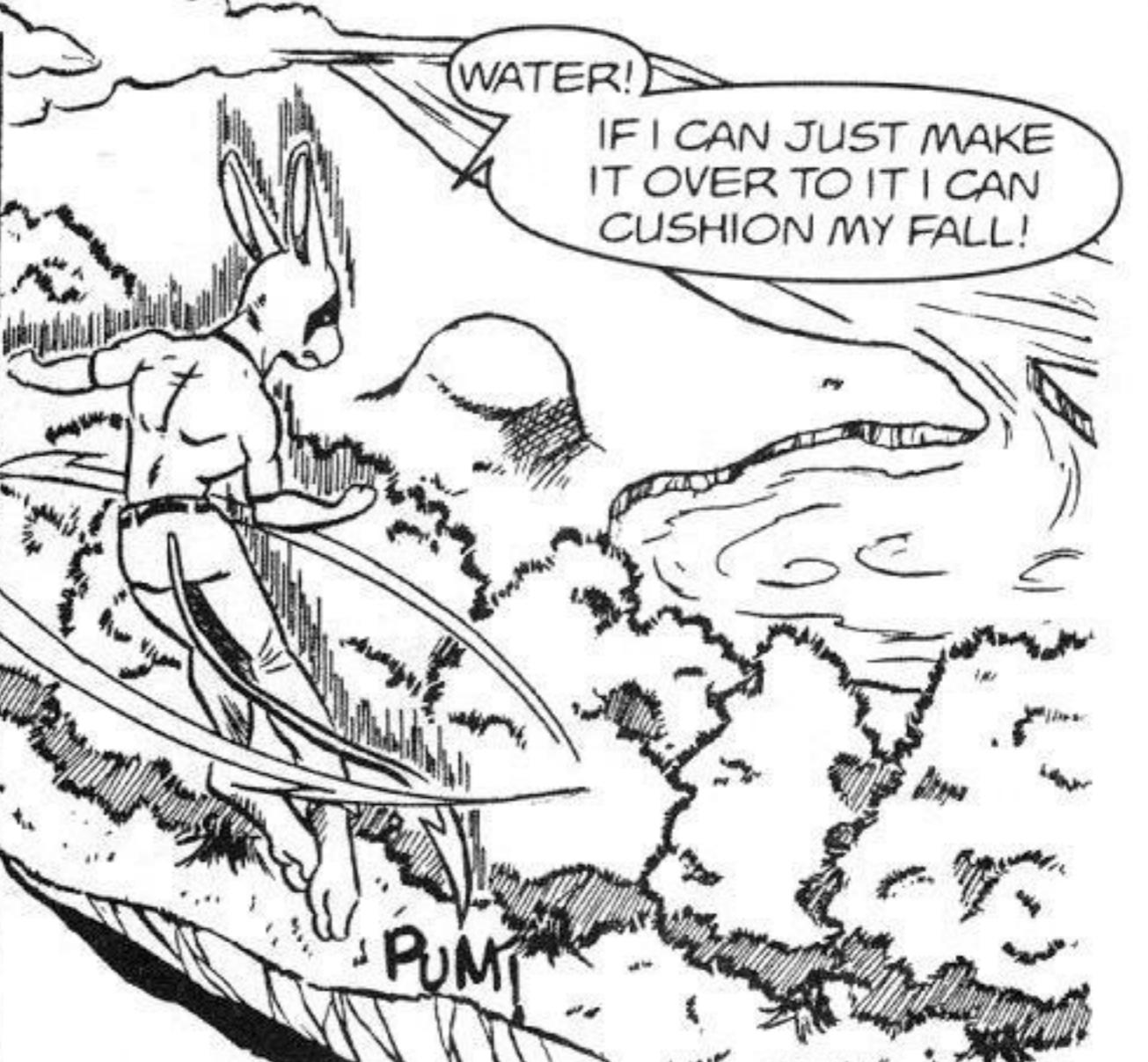
OKAY!
UMNUS, YOU'RE
TOO FAR.
TRY TELEPORTING
TO ONE OF THOSE
FLOATING ISLANDS!

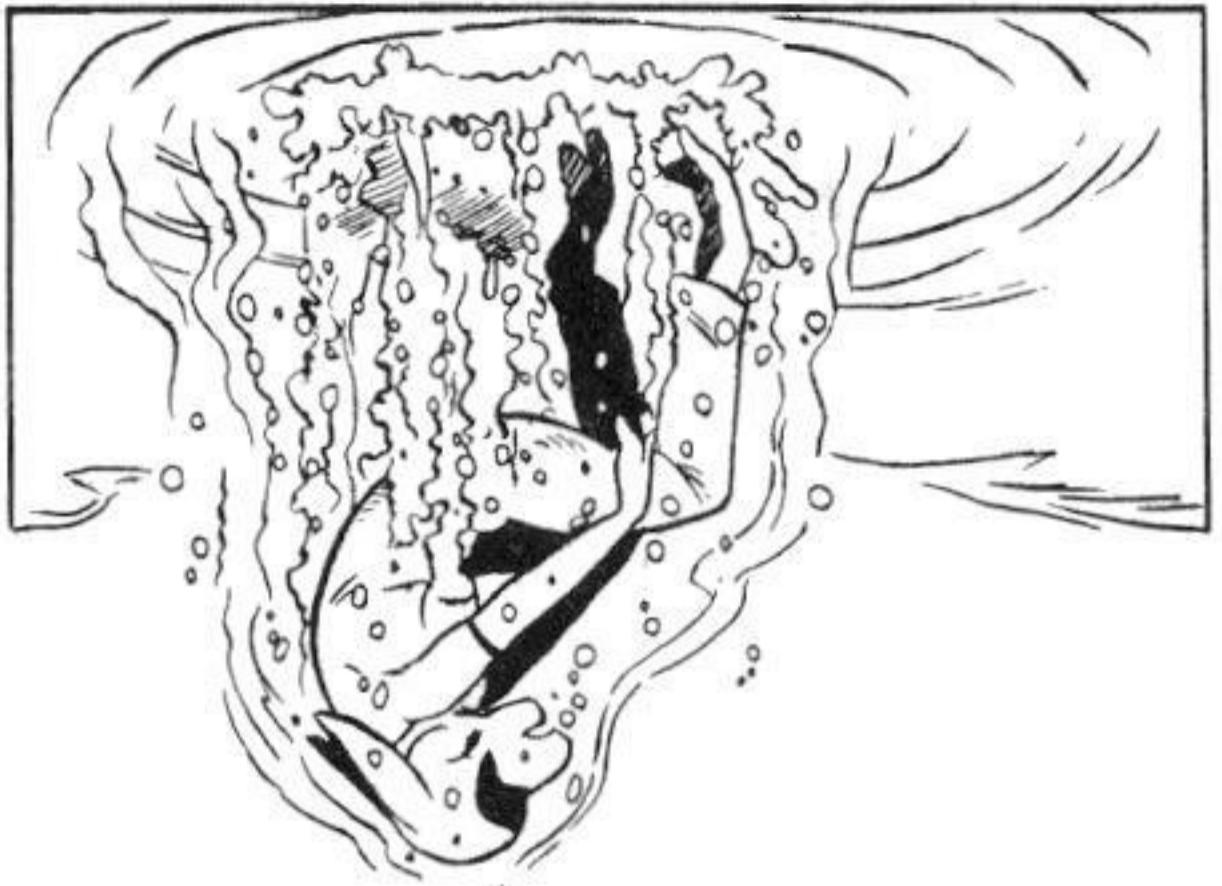
QUIET!
I HAVE A PLAN.
REACH FOR WHOEVER'S
CLOSE TO YOU!

NOW, EVERYONE
TRY TO GLIDE IN
MY DIRECTION AND
PRAY THIS WORKS.
ION CANNON ENGAGED

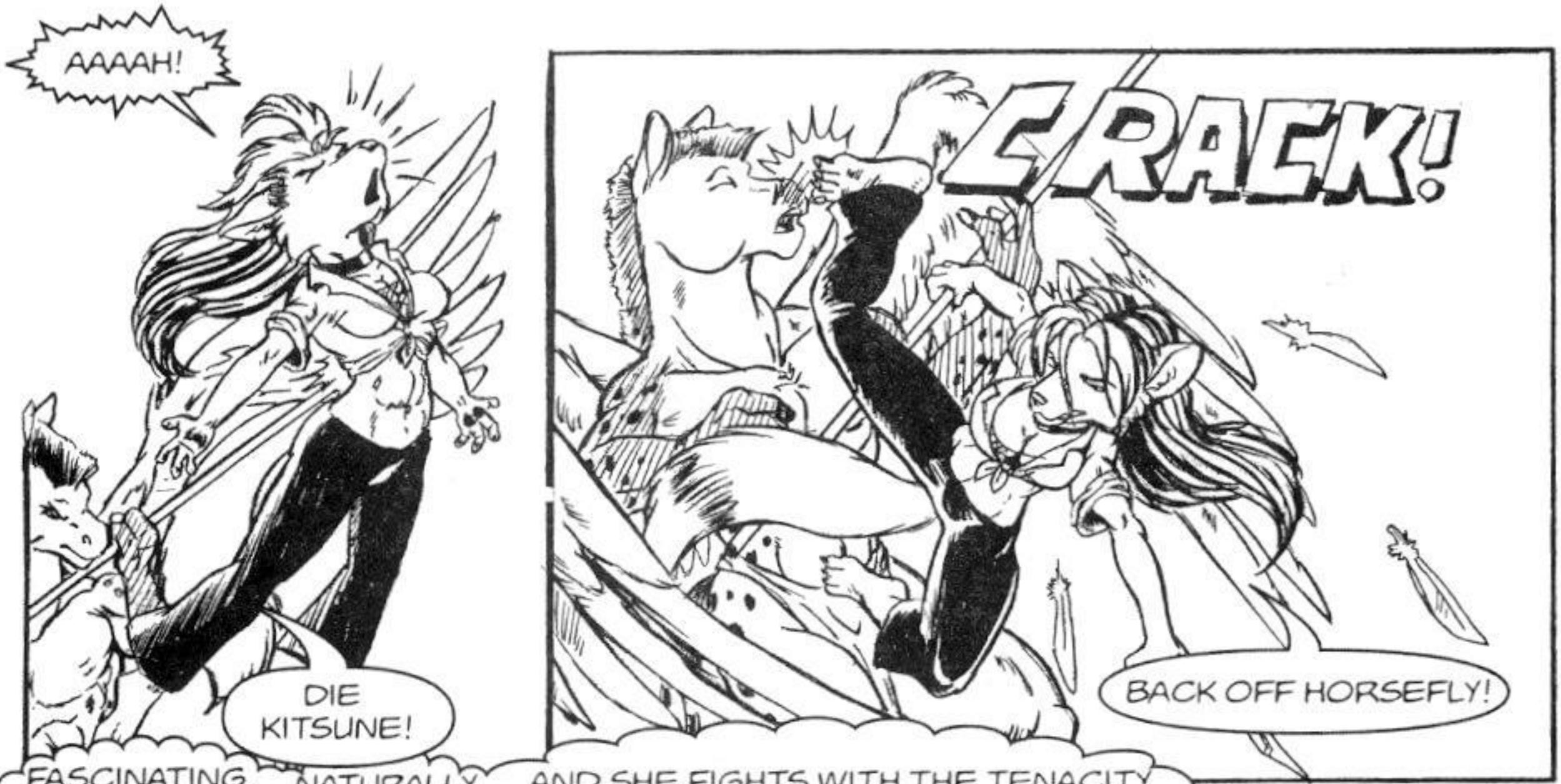










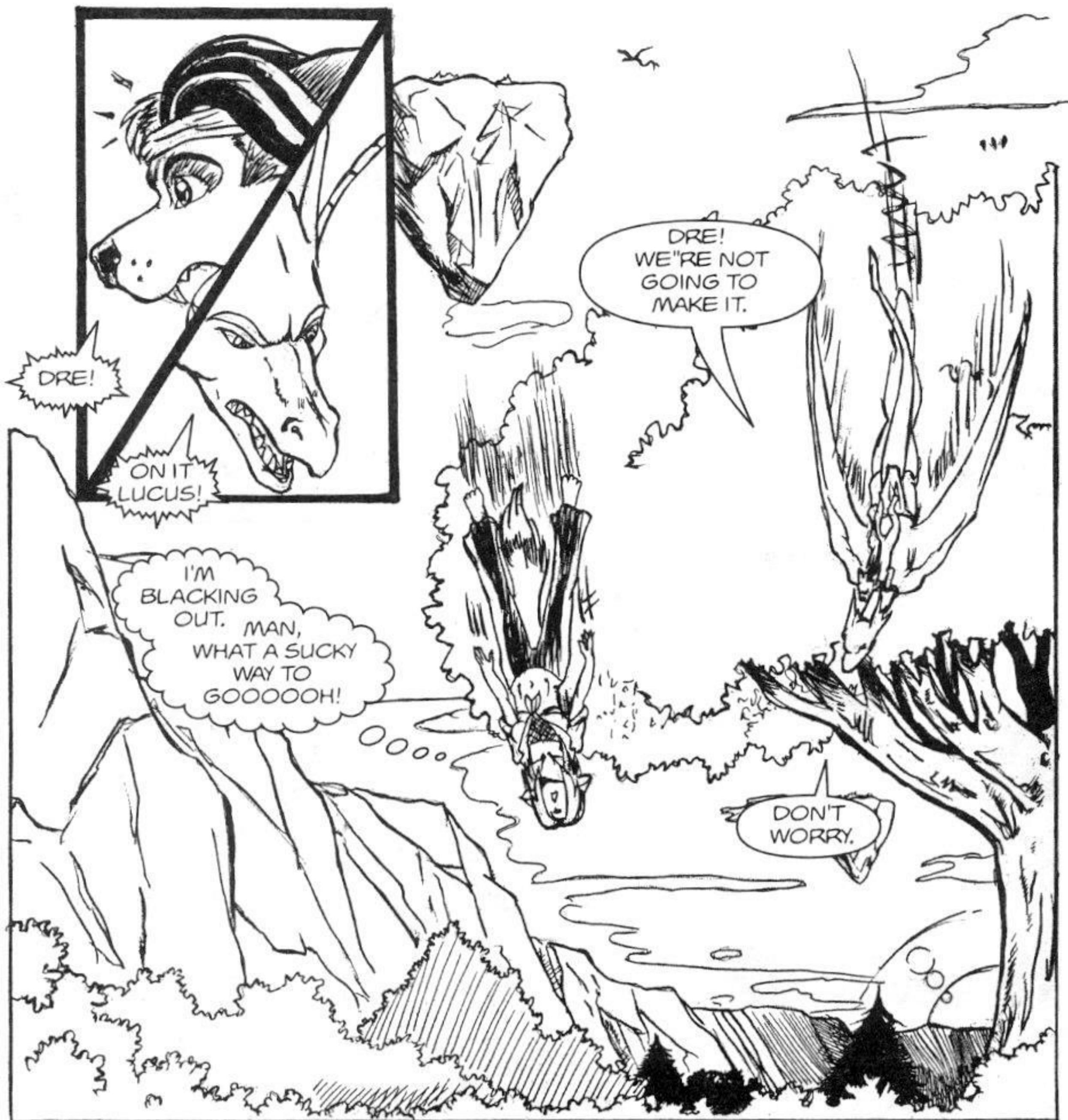


FASCINATING. NATURALLY SHE FLIES AND MOVES AS ONE BORN WITH WINGS.

AND SHE FIGHTS WITH THE TENACITY OF A WARRIOR DRAGON. YET I DETECT NO MAGIC ON THIS ONE.







WE'RE GOING TO DIE!

KAT.
CAN'T YOU 'TANG'
US THROUGH THIS
TREE?

I DON'T
KNOW.

I'M NOT GOOD AT
MAKING OTHERS
INTANGIBLE.

PLUS, WE WOULD STILL
HAVE THE SAME MOMENTUM.
WE'D KEEP FALLING.

THEN FALL BACK BEHIND
ME AND FOLLOW MY
LEAD. THIS IS GOING
TO HURT.

OW, OW,
OW, OW!

CLEAR OF THE
TOP, GOTTA MOVE
FAST.

WITH THE SPEED AND GRACE
OF HIS RACE, MAXWELL MOVES
THROUGH THE BRANCHES WITH
THE SKILL OF AN ACROBAT AT
LIGHTNING QUICK SPEED.

RELYING MORE ON INSTINCT
THAN THOUGHT, HE MOVES
FROM LIMB TO LIMB,
REDIRECTING HIS MOMENTUM
WITH EACH MOVE.

KATHERINE FOLLOWS SUIT, BUT IN HER OWN WAY.



MORE CONFIDENT IN USING HER POWERS FOR HERSELF, SHE GOES FOR SOLID TO INTANGIBLE IN HER ATTEMPT TO SLOW HER DOWNWARD DESCENT.

CATRINA FOLLOWS MAX'S EXAMPLE. A NATURAL ATHLETE AND STAR GYMNAST IN SCHOOL, SHE LEAPS FROM BRANCH TO BRANCH.



AND WITH GREAT EFFORT THEY FINALLY FIND THEMSELVES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE TREE...

MAX? ARE YOU OKAY?

I'LL BE FINE. JUST GIVE ME A SECOND.

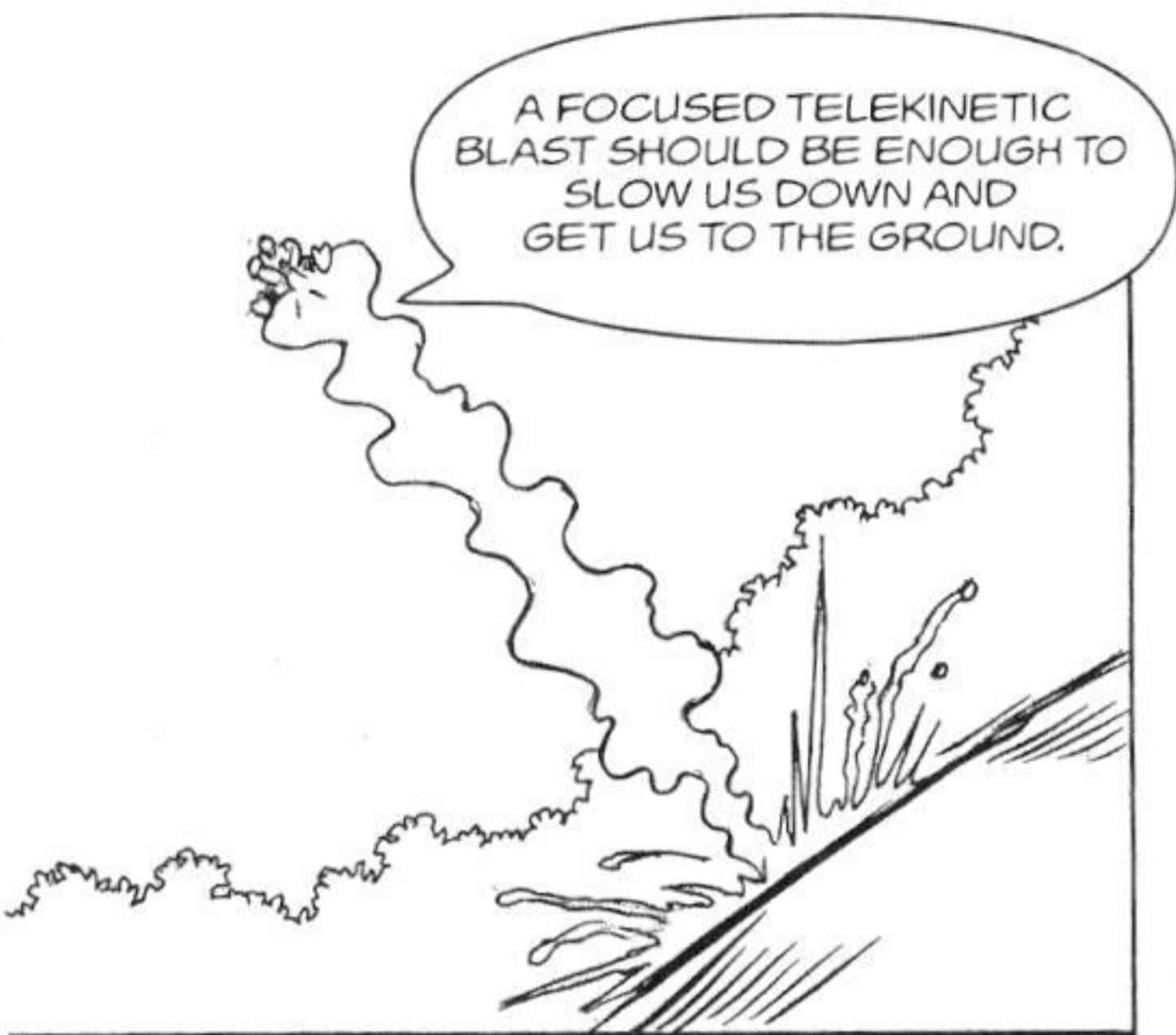


SAFELY LANDING ON THEIR FEET.

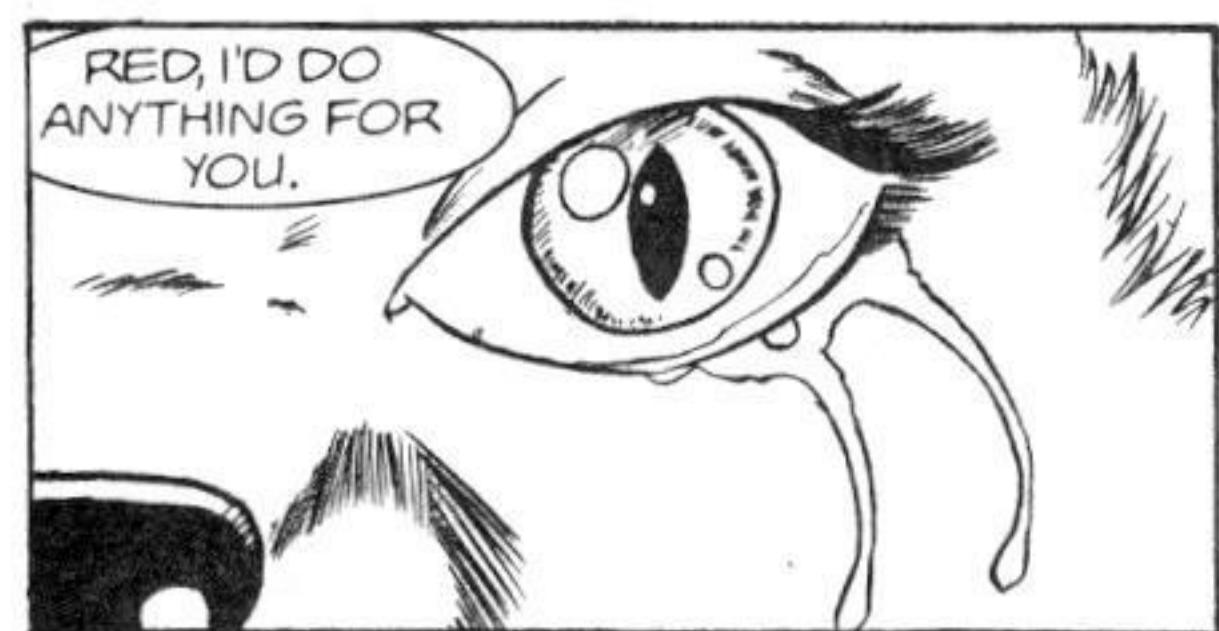
ROOOOWLL...

WE HAVE TO REST AND THEN LOOK FOR THE OTHERS.





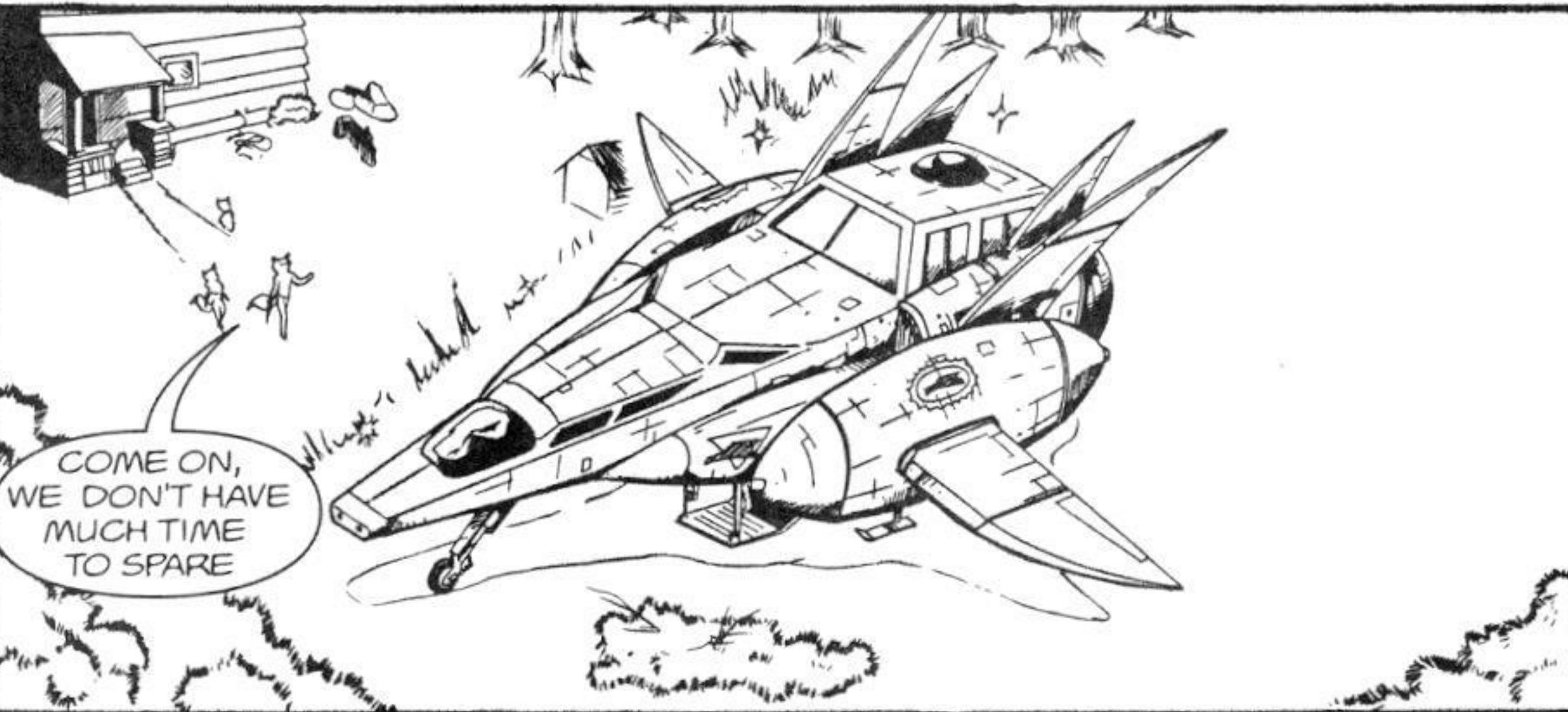






I'LL EXPLAIN
ON THE WAY.

WE GOTTA GET THE
SOLARFOX POWERED
UP. STEALTH MODE OFF.



OH HE'S SO
HANDSOME.

WILL HE
BE OKAY?

WHERE DID
HE COME
FROM?

OH LOOK,
HE'S WAKING
UP.

I'M SO
EXCITED.

HI HANDSOME!

GAAH! WHA..WHERE
AM I?

WHO?

EASY WARRIOR, DON'T
EXERT YOURSELF.

QUIET, OR THE
MASTER WILL HEAR!

YOU ARE IN THE HOUSE OF
OUR LORD XENIF. HE
DOESN'T KNOW YOU ARE
HERE.

HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE.
I WAS THE LAST OF
THE REMALONS. THEY
TOLD ME SO.

WE THOUGHT WE WERE THE LAST OF OUR RACES TOO. I'M SHAMUS OF CLAN SHADOWCREEPER.

THIS IS EMARA, METALLIA, YSYS, AND KYRA.

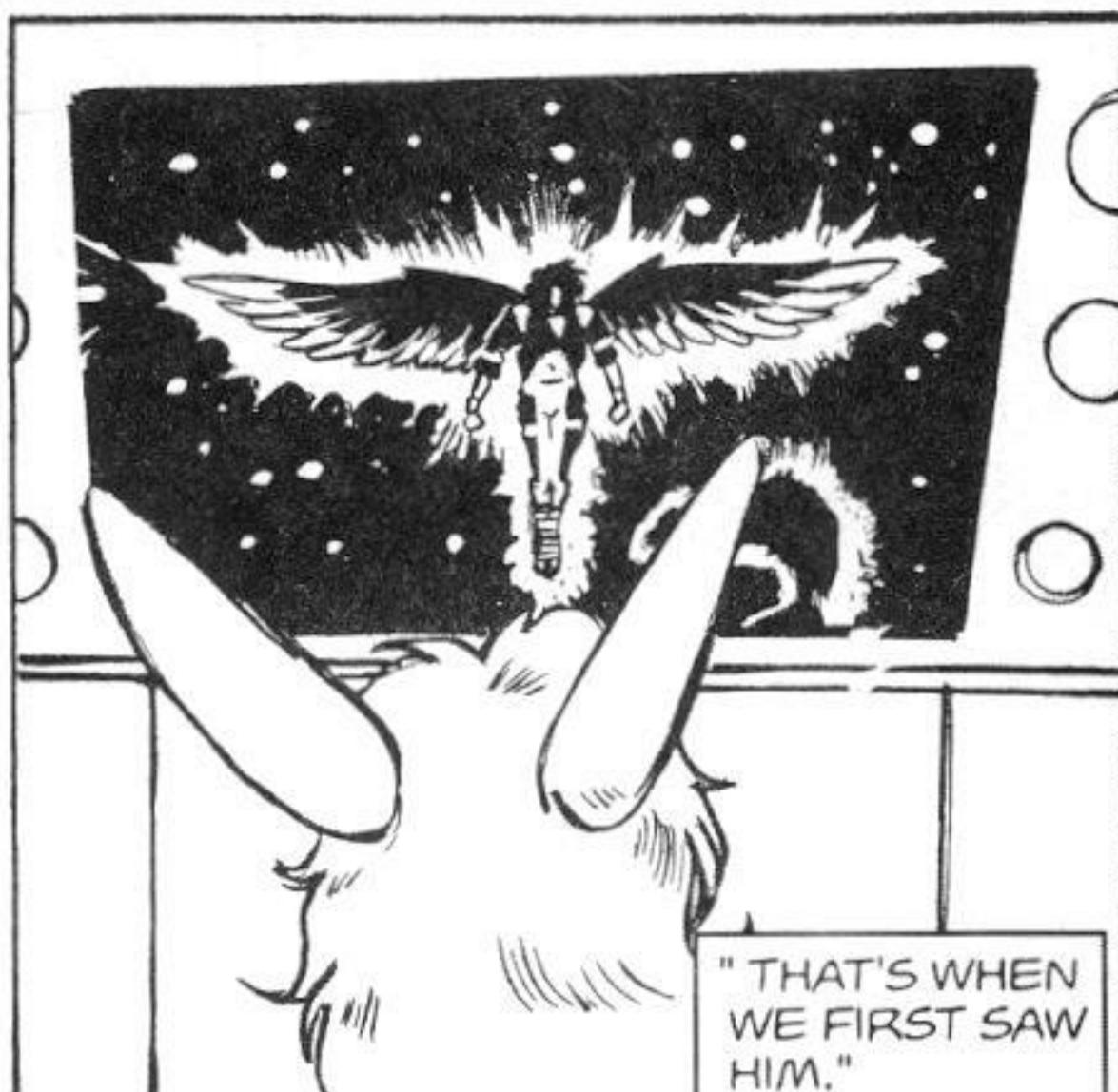


AS YOU KNOW, EDEN WAS ATTACKED SWIFTLY WITHOUT WARNING. WE DIDN'T STAND A CHANCE AT DEFENDING OURSELVES WITH THEY WEAPONS AND MACHINES. THEY MASSACRED EVERYONE.

WE WERE TAKEN PRISONER ALONG WITH MALES OF EACH RACE, THOUGH WE DIDN'T SEE YOU.



"WE WATCHED ON SCREEN AS THE HUMANS DESTROYED EDEN'S LIVABLE ATMOSPHERE BY BURNING UP THE PLANET'S POLES."



"THAT'S WHEN WE FIRST SAW HIM."

"THE HUMANS FIRED UPON
HIM WITHOUT WARNING."

"BUT THEY ONLY
MANAGED TO
ANGER HIM."

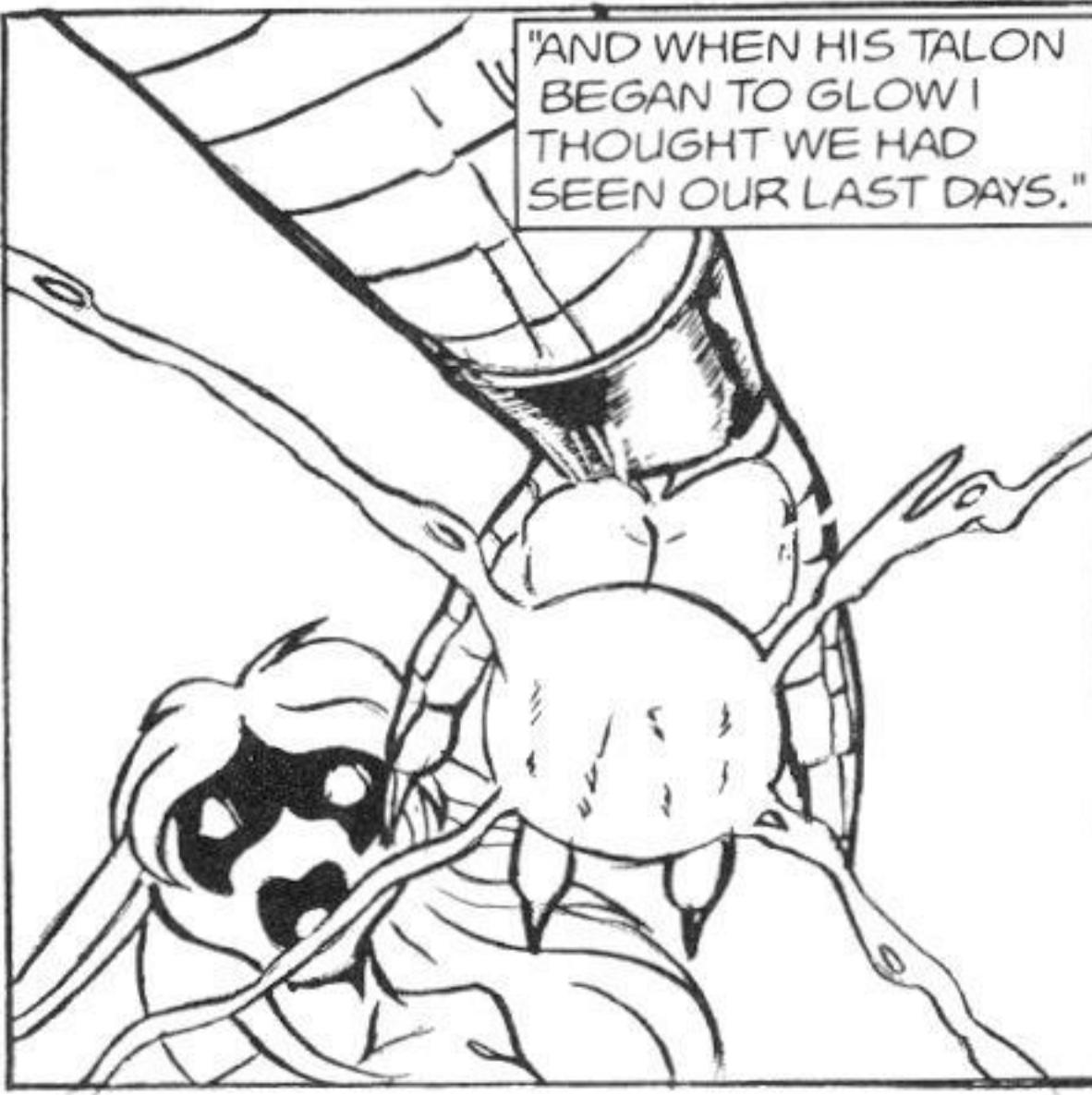
"WITH ONE SWEEP OF HIS ARM
HE STRUCK THE SHIP, SLICING
THROUGH IT LIKE A HOT KNIFE."



"HE SLASHED THE SHIP IN HALF LIKE IT WAS THE THINNEST OF PAPER HIDES."



"THE MALE REMALONS AND MOST OF THE HUMANS WERE SUCKED INTO SPACE TO THEIR DEATHS."



BUT HE SAVED US AND
BROUGHT US HERE AND
WE HAVE SERVED HIM EVER
SINCE.

WELL THAT
DOESN'T SOUND
LIKE THE XENIF
I MET.

HE HAS TAKEN ONE OF MY FRIENDS.
I MUST FIND HER AND SAVE HER. BY FORCE
IF I MUST.

OOH, MY HEAD. I STILL FEEL
DIZZY FROM ALL OF THOSE
JUMPS.

YOU MUST REST.
LET YOUR STRENGTH
RETURN

DON'T WORRY, WE'LL
TAKE GOOD CARE OF
YOU.



AH, BUT MY LOVE, THE SUN JUST
LIKE OUR KIND WILL RISE AGAIN
IN FULL BEAUTY AND SHINING
MIGHT.

JUST AS OUR LIVES TOGETHER
AND LOVE WILL SHINE AS BRIGHT
AS THE VERY SUN THE ORIGINAL
PHOENIX WAS BORN FROM.

WITH YOU TO RULE BY MY SIDE
I CAN DO ANYTHING AND NOTHING
WILL EVER TAKE YOU FROM ME AGAIN.
WE WILL BE ONE, NOW AND
FOREVER.

It's been a week since we've made our break from the solarfox authorities, I must have apologized to my life-mate, Erica at least a hundred times for putting her through this. Her forgiveness is part of what keeps me going, the fact that we'll finally be happy together makes up the rest.



At least I hope he can help...



Sly?! Damn, where you been?
Sure, whatcha need?

What?

Yeah, we got trouble.

How much trouble?

Enough, where's everyone else?

We need a pickup, fast.

GRUMP

Uh oh?
Yeah, we had an...accident downtown, fact is there's only me, Artica and Micro left.

Geez Red! The others aren't...y'know...

Unaccounted for,
No proof either way, thanks to Artica.

Huh? what's she got to do with it?

I'll explain later Sly.
Where do you want us
to meet you?

Um, east side of the park, just after sunset.

We're on it.

Artica, Sly and Foxy are in real trouble,
we have to go help them!

What happened?
What's going on?

What can I do to help?

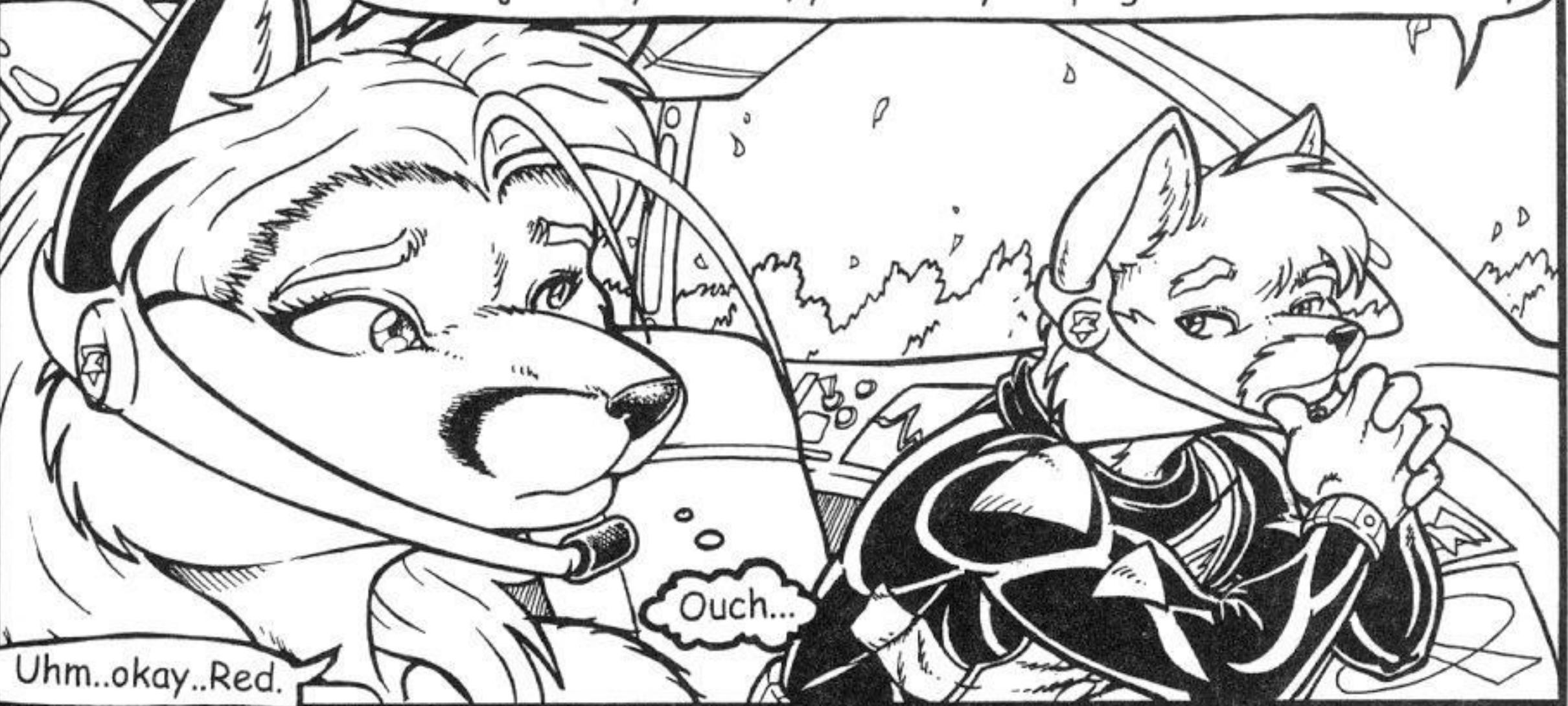
We need you here in case the others come back, Jacob. Artica, suit up.

So, you ready to fly, co-pilot?

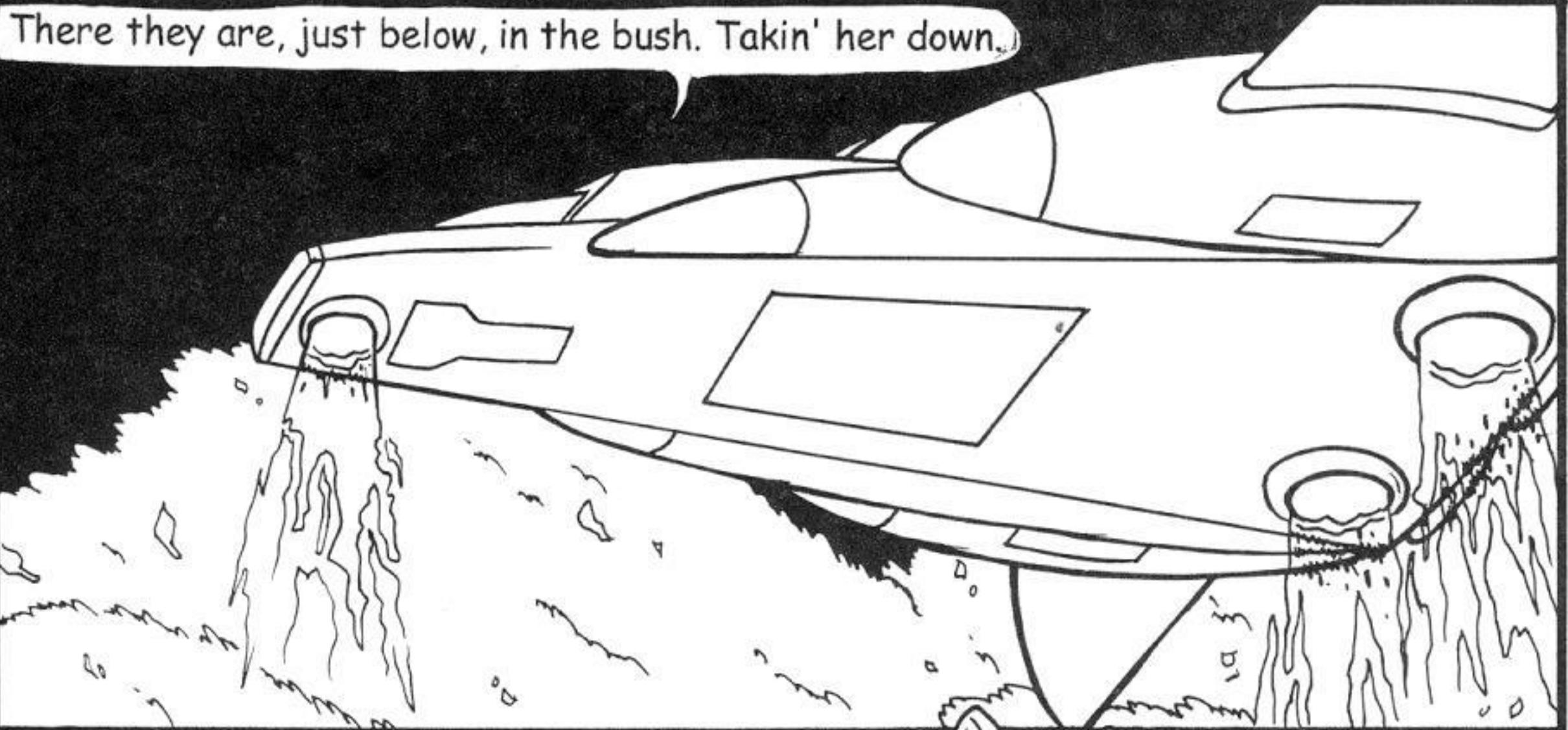
Aye-Aye, captain.

Humph..

Artica...just so you know, you're only keeping that seat warm...okay?



There they are, just below, in the bush. Takin' her down.



Hey Sly, Erica, how have you-UMPH!

Erica! What is that
on your neck??!

Uhm, hi guys.

Uhm...

By the maker, it **IS!!**
An engagement collar!
EEEEEK!!!
When did you get it?

Hey, congrats cuz,
trying to make me
jealous, Marrying
before me?

**STAND DOWN,
FOXES!!!**

Ha ha, hi Artica.
It was a week ago.

It's so pretty, and
expensive, I bet.

Well, you know, the
time was right and
all that.

I getcha, now let's
get out of here
before...

To be continued...